

## BOOK REVIEWS

BRIAN L. FISHER AND STEFAN P. COVER. 2007. **Ants of North America: A Guide to the Genera.** (ISBN 978-0-520-254220, pbk.). University of California Press, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, California 94704, U.S.A. (**Orders:** California Princeton Fulfillment Services, 1445 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, New Jersey 08618, U.S.A., [www.ucpress.edu](http://www.ucpress.edu), 1-609-883-1759, 1-609-883-7413 fax). \$34.95, 194 pp., line drawings, color photographs, 4 1/3" × 7".

*Contents.*—Preface, **1)** Introduction, **2)** Key to North American Ant Genera Based on the Worker Caste, **3)** Taxonomic Descriptions, **4)** Subfamily Descriptions, **5)** Genus Descriptions, **6)** Ant Genera of North America by Subfamily, **7)** Ant Species North of Mexico: A Working List, **8)** Terminology. Identification References, General References, Index.

As prevalent as ants are in the environment, it has been difficult to find guides to lead to their identification. This handy field guide fulfills that need with an excellent key that provides line drawings of features described, followed by color photographs of a species representative of each genus, and descriptions of the genera. Neither the key nor the diagnostic remarks are for the fledgling amateur or the easily daunted, as some knowledge of ant morphology is almost essential. Still, ant-identifiers must be determined and with the helpful terminology section can master the key. Of interest even to the general reader is the "distribution and ecology" of each genus, which offers fascinating facts about these insects. A working list of species north of Mexico and references to all the genera for further reading complete this important field guide.—*Joann Karges, Texas Christian University Library (retired), Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A.*

JAY H. BUCKLEY. 2008. **William Clark: Indian Diplomat.** (ISBN 978-0-8061-3911-1, pbk.) University of Oklahoma Press, 2800 Venture Drive, Norman, Oklahoma 73069-8218, U.S.A. (**Orders:** [www.oupres.com](http://www.oupres.com), 1-800-627-7377, 1-800-735-0476 fax). \$29.95, 320 pp., b/w illustrations, maps, 6" × 9".

Following his return to St. Louis from the infamous expedition to explore a trade route to the Pacific, William Clark spent three decades as an agent of the US Government's Indian Policy. First as an Indian Agent, then as Territorial Governor of Missouri and finally Superintendent of Indian Affairs, he was responsible for 10% of all treaties signed by Indian and Government leaders. Ironically, Clark's paternalism toward the Indian ultimately resulted in relocation of more Native Americans than any other government agent.

Lewis and Clark enthusiasts and others interested in the expansion of the American West will relish this thoroughly researched biography of William Clark. Jay H. Buckley draws upon Clark's extensive papers as well as published government archives to explore this extremely skilled and complex American diplomat. Respected equally by Indian and US government leaders, many Indian chiefs would not consider a treaty legitimate unless personally endorsed by Clark.—*Gary Lee Hinds, Rio Brazos Master Naturalist and BRIT volunteer, Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A.*